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From: Richard Schweizer
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 9:47 AM
Subject: Opposition To FCC changes

We are opposed to allowing a few companies to control the information organizations in the U.S.

We fell changes need to be aired to the American people. The issues have not been explained fully. The interests of the american people need to be protected.

Richard and Eileen Schweizer

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To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10:19 AM
Subject: Media Monopolies

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From: Suzanne Boles
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10:56 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Suzanne Boles (seboles@grandfederal.com) writes:

Do not change the regulations that prohibit the concentration of the media in the hands of a few mega-corporations. We are losing neutral media as it is!

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From: Kenneth Lampasona
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10:59 AM
Subject: Media Monopolies

Dear Mr. Powell,

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Sincerely,

Kenneth G. Lampasona
Huntington Station, NY 11746

From: JPark909@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 11:08 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership

Please do not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protects me and all the other American citizens from media monopolies.

This is not a country where the views of anyone should be controlled by a group, so that only their own ideas and feelings are the only information that is given to the general public.

The big media conglomerates do not need more power over the content of visual or written communication guaranteed by the constitution.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Parker

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jpark909@aol.com

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kimweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Max Johnson
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 11:11 AM
Subject: Media Monopolies

Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission

Mr. Adelstein:

I am writing to express my belief that the FCC should not relax the ownership rules concerning media monopolies. I was alerted to the fact that public comment was being taken by the FCC. I do not believe that media corporations or individuals should control all or the greater part of the media outlets in any area, local, state or national. I believe that the current FCC regulations have done a positive service to the nation by allowing other points-of-view to be expressed through a diverse media. I believe that allowing a small, but powerful, group of corporations and individuals to own a majority of the media outlets would stifle speech in this country. Again, I urge to keep the current regulations on monopolies in place

--- Max Johnson
--- hippo2000@earthlink.net
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From: Eva Mesmer
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 11:12 AM
Subject: Prevent centralization of media

Date: 4 May 2003
From: Eva Mesmer
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Prevent centralization of media

Dear Commissioner Powell,

As the FCC considers new regulations regarding ownership of media in the United States, I urge you to make sure that you promote multiplicity of ownership, so that it is impossible for one or a few giant corporations to control the American media.

We are already at a crisis point in this regard. Five giants own 90% of the media, and this has resulted in biased reporting and poor news coverage. Independence of view and analysis has suffered immensely.

The FCC must take steps to encourage independent reporting and analysis and freer access to government news sources. Don't allow the American media to become monotonous and biased!

Sincerely,

Eva Mesmer
Lyons Colorado 80540

From: Julie Chernov
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 11:16 AM
Subject: You asked for comments from people outside the beltway

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

In a recent interview with Bill Moyers, you asked that people outside the beltway contact you to express their concern about the lifting of the regulations concerning owning multiple forms of media in the same market. The public airwaves are exactly that: for the public. I know that Chairman Powell believes that the media is a marketplace, but it's rapidly becoming dominated by six corporations. I am a graduate student and a TA. I tell my students to get their news from the newspapers because TV will not give them a nuanced picture, both sides of the debate. The Iraq issue was key. MSNBC, ABC, NBC, FOX, and CNN all rallied around the flag. Only CBS' 60 minutes may have done 1 critical piece. This coverage was so biased that the BCC even protested it.

This will only worsen if you allow these corporations to buy up more types of media. Then, Fox could own all the radio, all the TV, and all the newspapers in Chicago, Biloxi, or Salt Lake City and lend their radical conservative bias to everything reported in that region. This is dangerous.

It is not surprising that these media conglomerates are not informing the public about the fact the FCC is considering lifting this law or the ramifications of that. You asked for people to write from outside the Beltway. I fear the day will come when I will have to tell my students...don't read the American papers; read the British papers.

Finally, these corporations will not think about the ramifications of dominating markets. We all know this. Clear Channel owns 1200 radio stations; they dominate this market. They also have close ties to the president. The media must watch over the government and not be in bed with it.

This law must not be allowed to go through. You seem to be a reasonable man, aware of our concerns. Please keep the independence of the American media. Please do not allow these regulations to be removed. Once the damage is done, it's a lot harder to put the toothpaste back in the bottle.

Sincerely,
Julie Chernov
Colorado

From: John Gontkof
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 11:24 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioner,

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

John J. Gontkof
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Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762

From: Judyth A. Bruno, D.C.
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 11:34 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

I have great concern about the loss of personal freedoms and the government surreptitiously whittling away our constitutional rights. Relaxing the broadcast ownership rules is another way of silencing the individual in order to pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and information in communities across the nation. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

To have a vital nation it is important that our population have more than one point of view available to them on important issues. For the sake of democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

Judyth A. Bruno
Route 1, Box 70-D
Trout Creek MI 49967

From: Mike Mickus
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 11:35 AM
Subject: Strengthen the Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein:

I urge you to NOT relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. Rather the rules should be strengthened to promote more diversity in ownership.

These proposed changes would prove the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying for FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The people in America deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue or increase the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Mickus
Hubbell, MI 49934-0511

From: LARKHE@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 11:40 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman:

Please do not relax broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

As a proud American, and a Life Member of the National Rifle Association of America I believe in all of the Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

I feel that media monopolies could endanger every American's First Amendment right of Free Speech. That would be a terrible thing to happen, even if my fellow Americans disagreed with my interpretation of our Second Amendment rights.

In your wisdom and loyalty to America, I hope you will not let that happen.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and consider my opinion.

Mr. Richard J. Rick
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Manchester, CT. 06040-2942

From: CBeesleySF@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 11:43 AM
Subject: No Subject

I am OPPOSED to the further dismantling of the rules governing ownership of the airways which belong to the American people!

From: Judyth A. Bruno, D.C.
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 11:54 AM
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From: Peter Alsop
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:07 PM
Subject: Please don't allow for privatization of radio and tv

Dear Commissioners,

Please do what you can to ensure that local radio can flourish, with local people running the stations and local news and programming on the air. Just because bigger organizations can afford to run small stations, does not mean it's good for our country. We need more local control of the airways. Thanks.

Peter Alsop

Check out my website at <http://www.peteralsop.com> for my kid's CD's, videos, cassettes, & songbooks AND my Professional Laughter Series! My touring schedule is there, so come see me IN CONCERT! Or you can CALL ME, 800-676-5480, to set up a concert in your town!

From: Dan
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:12 PM
Subject: Removal of Restrictions

Chairman Powell:

This letter is to protest the planned June 3rd vote to allow the large communications companies to own more than thirty five percent of the media market in given areas.

It is our feeling that we must keep diversity in the news reporting that the American people use to form judgments regarding current policies contemplated by our government.

Please delay the vote until forums are held throughout the country to allow you to better hear what the American people think on this subject.

Daniel R. and Barbara J. Haider
2950 C.R. 219
Florence, Texas 76527
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From: Ronald Bos
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:15 PM
Subject: 36% Rule

Commissioners:

DO NOT allow an entity to own more than 35% of the countries media market.

To think that, that would improve programing is absurd.

Ron Bos
Blacksburg, VA

From: Dan
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:16 PM
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From: Elbecton@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:20 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

I am writing this e-mail to urge you to not support the effort being made to relax the broadcast ownership rules that currently protect American citizens from Media Monopolies.

To relax the broadcast ownership rules would make it easier for some already too large conglomerates to gain near-total control of the airways. The American Citizens need to hear all sides of an issue so that they can make up their own minds regarding that issue. They do not deserve to have the media controlled by monopolies that can prevent opinions different from their own being aired. For this reason, and for the sake of democracy and freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that have helped to ensure the healthy debate and dissemination of all viewpoints to the American people

Thank you

Edwin L. Becton
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Gastonia, NC 28052-7610

From: Guido Perez
To: Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:24 PM
Subject: Public Hearings

Honorable Commissioners,

I would like to support Mr. Copps efforts to hold additional hearings nationwide with regard to proposed FCC regulations. Most people in our country have not had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the proposed changes in the regulations.

As we promote democratic values worldwide it behooves all of us, under your leadership, to actively engage in open dialogue.

Sincerely,

Guido Perez, MD

From: Snsk8tr@cs.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:25 PM
Subject: regulation changes

Hello, my name is Mr. Chambers. I wish to express my concern over your proposed changes in the FCC regulations. Freedom and information are maintained through diversity, not centralized control. Please keep the regulations in force, to insure our liberties for now and our children.
Thank you

From: Rick Heitman
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:29 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,
Rick Heitman
Wausau, Wisconsin 54401

From: Doc Watson
To: Jonathan S. Adelstein, Kathleen O.Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:32 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

Lady and Gentlemen of the Federal communications Commission.

I strongly urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from monopolies.

A card is being sent to each of you via U.S. Postal. with explanation for the above urgent request.

Our democracy demands that we be allowed to receive 100% of all information that is not classified by our government.

Thank you

Elmer E. and Margaret J. Watson, 1344 Ellington Rd.,
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email: docwatsone@cox.net

From: Bob Walker
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 12:32 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Powell:

It is my understanding that major media corporations are putting intense pressure on the FCC to make sweeping changes in the FCC rules that prohibit monopoly ownership of media sources in my community and across the United States.

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. If the proposed rules are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations. Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor.

The big media conglomerates have in the past used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. These proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers.

Many of the corporations that are fighting for these rule changes - including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC - are precisely the same companies that have tried in the past to keep viewpoints off the air when they don't agree with them.

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Robert A. Walker, Jr.

Columbia, South Carolina 29212-8506